Twelve Great Ideas, in Lexington's Words

These ideas, presented in the words of the person who offered the idea, are drawn primarily from Round One participants' responses to Question 7 in the "Seven Vital Questions. Question 7 asks: "What is *your great idea* for moving Lexington-Fayette County forward, to be the kind of community you envision in the year 2040?"

The top twelve ideas, with their totals on the left, and their original numbering in the Round Two handout.

- 294 12. If Lexington had something downtown that was similar to 4th St. Live in Louisville -- Orlando has something similar -- then we can attract more people to visit.
- 266 14. Public transportation connecting Lexington to surrounding cities and towns.
- 250 6. Rebuild downtown. Review all the history of downtown and make it a place where tourists and visitors can stay downtown and sleep and eat and not feel the need to go to the malls or Hamburg.
- 223 19. Join Fayette with Scott, Bourbon, Woodford, and Jessamine planning commissions, creating a unified Bluegrass community growth plan.
- 217 40. A Greenway Trail system of 100 miles connecting the entire Bluegrass region by 2040.
- 213 25. Put all power poles and lines underground.
- 212 15. Establish a light rail passenger train across particular points in the state; for example, Lexington to Louisville or Lexington to East KY.
- 4. A large athletic complex used for youth tournaments. It could be a national center for these type of things. A huge revenue is being missed. Open to all, not just recreational leagues.
- 202 23. Free downtown transportation to limit traffic congestion.
- 200 44. Turn Lexington Mall into a park.
- 196 11. We have an opportunity for community leaders to reach out to the surrounding counties and collaborate with them to form a common vision. Not only for Lexington, but for all of central Kentucky.
- 195 10. A car-free commuting system that connects surrounding towns.